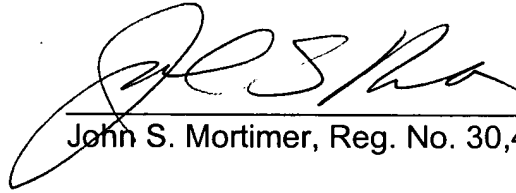


Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-20 and allowance of the case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

According to the invention, a mark 32 is applied on one or both of oppositely facing, laterally spaced, side surfaces 34,36 of the body 12. The mark 32 is formed directly on one or both of the side surfaces 34, 36 in a manner, as described below, that directly alters the side surfaces 34, 36.

The nature of the mark 32 is not limited and may convey virtually any type of information that is desirable to be placed upon a power transmission belt.

As just examples, the information conveyed by the mark may be a company name, a trademark, the month and year of manufacture of the belt, a lot number, a grade, etc. For purposes of generic representation, the mark 32 in Fig. 1 is identified throughout as "ABC".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A method of providing a mark on a power transmission belt having a body with a length and exposed laterally spaced side surfaces, said method comprising the step of:

[providing a mark on] altering at least one of the laterally spaced side surfaces by forming [the] a mark directly on the at least one laterally spaced side surface.

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